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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SWATOW, QUEEN & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HEDER & Co., Shanghai, LARK, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Manila, O. EISENBERG & Co., Macao, L. A. DA GAMA.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOFFMAN, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
AD. ANDER, Esq. A. MOYER, Esq.
R. B. BELLIS, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.
HOB. W. KESWICK, Esq. ED. FODIN, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.
Shanghai, . . . EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED
ON CURRENT Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
CHAMPAGNE.
MOET & CHANDON.
GRAND CREMANT.
Quarts \$18, Pints \$19.
GRAND VIN DE BOURGOGNE.
CHAMBERTIN, \$15 per Doz.
ROMANEE CONTI, " 17 " "
RICHEBOURG, " 17 " "

Apply to
ED. CHASTEL,
Queen's Road, Opposite Hongkong Club.
Hongkong, February 19, 1877. fe25

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE, 1874.
HEIDENCK & Co., MONOPOLE.
DETIEN & Co.
Hongkong, February 19, 1877. mc19

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s
Celebrated.
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.
Apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
MR. FRITZ LANGEN'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.
WM. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. mc1

NOTICE.
MR. J. F. CORDEN Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.
WM. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. mc1

NOTICE.
THE Authority given Mr. ALFRED HERRZ to sign our Firm by Procuration has been withdrawn.
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

NOTICE.
WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, February 9, 1877. ap2

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of falling health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorized to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. ORUOKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Under-signed under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN,
W. HULSE.

Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Under-signed has received instructions from Dr. Geo. Dops, to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 2nd day of March, 1877, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his Residence, 2, College Gardens,—

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of: Drawing-Room Furniture in Walnut, made by Whitlock and Finlay of Edinburgh; Dining-room Furniture in Mahogany, by Finlay of Edinburgh; Brussels Carpets, Pictures, Glass-ware, Crockery, Bed-room Furniture, Books, Wines, &c.
A Semi-Grand PIANO, by Collard and Collard.
A SEWING MACHINE for Hand or Foot, by Singer.
A JARDINIERE, by Motzla of London.

LOBBY FURNITURE, in Blackwood.
And,
One Parlour BILLIARD TABLE, with Balls, Cues, &c., complete. Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after THURSDAY, the 1st March.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, February 19, 1877. mc2

To Let.

NO. 3, PECHILI TERRACE, ELGIN STREET, with Immediate Possession.

Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

TO BE LET.

THE PREMISES No. 39, Queen's Road, at present in the occupation of the BORMEO COMPANY.

TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, February 6, 1877.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 7, Caine Road, lately occupied by Mr. PARKER.
House No. 10, Albany Road, at present occupied by the Rev. R. H. KIDD.
House No. 11, Seymour Terrace, at present occupied by Mr. N. J. EDS, Furnished or Unfurnished.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, February 13, 1877.

TO BE LET.

THE Premises at present occupied by the International Ice Manufacturing Co., Limited.

For particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, December 11, 1876.

TO LET.

THE Upper Portion of Nos. 42 and 44, Queen's Road.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIT & Co.
Hongkong, November 17, 1876.

Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ****, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENOS.

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,
As supplied to the principal London Clubs:

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Sixth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1877, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, to 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1877. mc2

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in an Account of Business Contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1876, on or before the 28th Instant, on which Date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1877. mc1

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending on 30th December last, at the rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. tt

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,

DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET

REQUISITES, PATENT MEDI-

CINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAVA WEST, HONGKONG.

Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

P. F. DA SILVA,

GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,

TAKAO and TAIWAN: [fe22]

Intimations.

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EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE 1878.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the CONSULATE all information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul,
G. BOULOUE, Vice-Consul.
Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. TREBAUD, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 24th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
A. MACG. HEATON, Agent.
Hongkong, February 17, 1877. fe24

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The British Steamer "CAIRNSMUIR," due shortly from London and Singapore, will receive immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 10, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIBRE," Comdt. DE GIRARD, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. DU POUY, Agent.
Hongkong, February 19, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "ANADYR," Comdt. DE BUTLER, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUY, Agent.
Hongkong, February 19, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON.

(If sufficient Inducement offers.)

The 3/4 L. L. 1. Russian Ship "VANADIS,"

WELAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, Sugar or Measurement, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 4 1/2 American Ship "MCNEAR,"

W. TAYLOR, Master, will load here, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 12 years 3/4 L. 1. 1 Danish Bark "KORSOR,"

L. C. GREVE, Master, will load here, and will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The British Bark "SPIRIT OF THE AGE,"

Captain JOHNSON, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG.

The 4 1/2 German Bark "ALBATROSS,"

KOPPELMANN, Master, will load here and at Whampoa, and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to
W. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON.

The 4 1/2 British Ship "STAR OF CHINA," BLAKER, Master, will load here and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

The 4 1/2 British Ship "ENGLAND'S GLORY," KNIGHT, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S.S. TRAFALGORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the NIZAM and DECCAN, from London, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 21st Instant will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be forwarded by the following Steamer, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

A. MOYER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 14, 1877. fe21

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "Cormorant," Captain SHAW, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, and stored in Messrs. NORTON & Co.'s Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Yokohama, unless notice to the contrary is given before 2 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 24th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 19, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE BRITISH SHIP TYBURNIA, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Ex Melkong, December 29th, 1876.

ESD 15 bags White Wax.

Ex Ava, January 11th, 1877.

THC No. 1/2, 2 cases Stores.

GID No. 1, 1 case Paper.

Ex Amoy, January 24th, 1877.

OK, one box Sundries.

Hongkong, February 7, 1877. fe20

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. "Euphrate," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk, at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 9th Instant, at 6 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Under-signed. Goods remaining undelivered after To-day, the 15th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. H. DU POUY, Agent.
Hongkong, February 9, 1877.

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL,
37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
RE-OPENED 1853.
TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.
Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date the Offices of this Agency are REMOVED to the Premises in the PRAYA CENTRAL lately occupied by Messrs GILMAN & Co., next to Messrs RUSSELL & Co.'s Building.

H. DE POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 1, 1877. mel

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E. B. Blaker.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Captain D. Bradford.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
BORITO, German barque, Captain J. F. Wesenberg.—Siemens & Co.
ANDREW BERT, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Hosagra & Co.
TYBURNIA, British ship, Captain Robt. Golden.—Meyer & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOOW.

The Steamship
"YESSO,"
Capt. PUNCHARD, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 22nd inst., at
Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 20, 1877. fe22

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell
by Public Auction, in their Sale
Room, Praya Central, on
FRIDAY,
the 23rd February, 1877, at 11 o'clock
a.m.,—

An Invoice of Engraved and Cut Glass-
ware, comprising: Engraved and Plain
Cut Sherry, Port, Claret, and Champagne
Glasses, Tumblers, Soda Water Tumblers,
Carafes and Ups, Quart and Pint De-
canters, Pickle Jars, Handsome Flower
Stands.

Also,
All of which are now on view.

Also,
15 cases Heidsieck's Grand Vin Royal
Champagne.

12 cases Washing Soda.

10 cases Safety Matches.

455 lbs Perkins & Son's Soluble Blue
Violet Dye.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.
The Lotter Lots, with all faults and errors
of description, at purchaser's risk on the
fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. fe23

**SALE OF HORSES & CARRIAGES, &c.,
AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.**

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction, at the Stables, Govern-
ment House, on

TUESDAY,

the 27th February, 1877, at 4 o'clock
p.m.,—

The following HORSES and CARRI-
AGES, &c., the Property of His Excel-
lency Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY, &c., &c.

A Bay Australian Horse, *Katamarang*,
Carries a Lady, and quiet in Harness.

A Black Australian Horse, *The Shark*,
5 years old, Carries a Lady.

A London-built Victoria with Pole,
Shafts and Single Harness.

A Light American Waggon with Pole,
and Fitted for Shaft.

A quiet Pony, with Trap and Harness.

The above may be viewed at Govern-
ment House Stables, till the time of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at purchaser's risk on the fall
of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. fe27

U. S. MAIL LINE.

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.**

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND THROUGH
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer ALASKA,
will be despatched for San Francisco,
via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 15th
March, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers,
and Freight, for Japan, the United States,
and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills
of Lading are issued for transportation to
Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San
Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and
South America, and to New York and
Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Com-
pany will leave Shanghai, via the Island Sea
Ports, about same date, and make close
connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection
of various lines of Steamers to England,
France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. 14th March. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 18, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 20, 1877. mel5

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Feb. 20, *Tibre*, French steamer, 1009,
de Girard, Yokohama Feb. 13, Mails and
General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
Feb. 20, *Jacobi*, German barque, 417,
Hohlmann, Newcastle (N.S.W.) January 4,
Coal.—SIEMENS & Co.
Feb. 20, *H. M. S. Hornet*, 404, H. N.
Hippisley, Foochow Feb. 18.

DEPARTURES.
Feb. 19, *Montgomeryshire*, for Saigon.
20, *Pau Tah*, for Canton.
20, *H. M. S. Audacious*, for a Cruise.
20, *H. M. S. Vigilant*, for a Cruise.
20, *Danube*, for Bangkok.
20, *Alphington*, for Tientsin.

CLEARED.
Paul Marie, for Newchwang.
Norna, for Swatow.
England's Glory, for London.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per *Tibre*, from Yokohama: for Hong-
kong, Messrs MacMaster and Hansen; for
Singapore, Mr Lembach; for Marseilles,
Messrs W. Heise and Hunt.

DEPARTED.
Per *Montgomeryshire*, for Saigon, 30
Chinese.
Per *Danube*, for Bangkok, 10 Chinese.
To DEPART.
Per *Norna*, for Swatow, 150 Chinese.
Per *England's Glory*, for London, 1
Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The German barque *Jacobi* reports that
first five days out had strong Northerly
winds, after that Southerly and Westerly
winds with fine weather to the Equator.
On the 20th Jan., passed Stewart Island,
and the 24th Jan. the Equator in 160 E.
From there had variable winds and heavy
squalls till the 2nd inst., on which day
saw Tonapi Island, then got the N.E. trade
winds. The last ten days of the passage
had very unsettled weather and strong
Northerly gales.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For YOKOHAMA.—
Per *CAIRNSMUIR*, at 4.30 p.m. To-
morrow, the 21st inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOOW.—
Per *YESSO*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the
21st inst., instead of as previously
notified.

For COOKTOWN.—
Per *KILLARNEY*, at 1.30 p.m., on
Monday, the 26th inst. Mails will
be also closed for E. Australia,
Tasmania and New Zealand, 8 cent
rates.

In case of there being no steamer for
Klungchow direct before Friday next, a
mail will be made up for that port per
H. G. M. S. NAUTILUS, on Friday, the
23rd inst., at 5 p.m.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet *AMAZONE*,
will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 22nd inst., with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles;
to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle,
Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania,
Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion,
Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA
by this Packet, but can be paid only
as far as Ceylon. The postage to
Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters
should be marked *paid to Galle only*,
they will go on from Galle as unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 21st inst.:—
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the NIGHT BOX,
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 22nd inst.:—
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Registry of Letters closes.

11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.

11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom
to Saigon, or Singapore may be posted
on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents
extra postage, until

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. fe22

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.
The English Contract Packet *ZAMBERI*
will be despatched with the Mails
for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY,
the 1st March.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 28th February.—
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes.

6 P.M. Post Office closes except the NIGHT
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 1st March:—
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late
Letters. Registry of Letters closes.

10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 18 cents extra
to Postage till

11 A.M., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

11.30 A.M. Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom
via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be
posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,
till

11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally
closed.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. mel

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet *QUEEN*
will be despatched on SATURDAY,
the 3rd March, with Mails for
Japan, San Francisco, the United
States, and London, which will be
closed as follows:—

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes.

2.30 P.M. Correspondence for Japan by the
United States only may be
posted on board the Packet
with Late Fee of 18 cents
extra Postage till

2.50 P.M. when the Mail is finally closed.
Correspondence must be specially directed
for this route, and if not fully prepaid
will be sent by British Packet.

General Post Office.
Hongkong, February 20, 1877. mel

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, February 23:—
Daylight.—*Yesso* leaves for Coast Ports.
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, February 23:—
11 a.m.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs
Lane, Crawford & Co.

SATURDAY, February 24:—
Noon.—*Emeralda* leaves for Manila.
Goods per *Cairnsmuir* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, February 27:—
4 p.m.—Sale of Horses and Carriages, &c.,
at Government House.

THURSDAY, March 1:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports
of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, March 2:—
Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at
Dr. G. Dods' residence, College Gardens.
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at the
Head Office, Hongkong.

SATURDAY, March 3:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco.

THURSDAY, March 15:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-
hama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Tenders Close.

11 a.m.—Tenders for Treasury Bills re-
ceived by the Assistant Commissary
General.

Shipping.

Goods per *Travancore* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.
香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
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OF
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Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water,
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The Manufactory is under direct and
continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 8.00 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEB. 20, 1877.

WHILE we are quite ready to admit that
some improvements might be very well
effected in our means for extinguishing
fires, in regard, for instance, to the supply
of water on the higher levels of the
town, and the efficiency of the fire-
engines, yet we are scarcely prepared to
advocate the elaborate system of alarms
proposed by Mr. Granville Sharp—at
least, if the expense is to be defrayed
out of the public funds. If the Insur-
ance Companies see fit to introduce
such a system here at their own expense,
why, in that case we would hail
its advent with considerable satis-
faction. Mr. Sharp stated at a re-
cent meeting of a Fire Insurance Com-
pany that we might have a fire here as
serious as those we hear of in Lon-
don and other large towns. Strange
things do happen, it is true, but we
are inclined to think, after all, that Hong-
kong does not offer as many facilities for
large and devastating fires as many other
places of an equal size. Then again our
existing means for extinguishing fires are
by no means contemptible, putting aside
the miserable supply of water on the higher
levels, and will, we think, compare
favourably with those of the majority
of towns in England. Fires are natu-
rally more destructive when they
take place in a compact mass of build-
ings, than in a town which is long
and straggling. Now, a glance at a
plan of Victoria shows at once that
the town consists of a comparatively
narrow line of buildings, running along
the edge of the water for a distance of
somehow about a couple of miles. The
thickest, and what would be in a general
way the most dangerous, portion of the
line is where the European houses are
chiefly situated, but we venture to think
there are few collections of buildings
offering less facilities for the spread of
fires than the European portion of this
Colony. A very large proportion of the
buildings are detached or semi-detached;
the streets are of a decent width, and
the houses are built of solid masonry.
Compare Hongkong with the crowded and
lofty buildings and narrow streets, through
many of which there is hardly room
enough to squeeze a fire-engine, of the
City of London. In some parts of Tal-
pingham, no doubt, the houses are almost
as close together as those in the me-
tropolis, and the buildings are probably
more inflammable; but the valuable prop-
erty of the Colony scarcely lies in Tal-
pingham; nor are we prepared to say
that the occasional demolition of a few
houses in that salubrious region is not
productive of some benefits as well as evils.
No doubt there is greater danger of fire
with a Chinese population than with a
foreign one, although the fact that there
is comparatively little occasion for house-
hold fires here, must be taken as a set-
off against this to some extent. On the
whole we can fairly come to the conclu-
sion that although our means for ex-

tinguishing fires are open to improve-
ment, yet that the Colony would run no
greater risk from configurations than the
majority of places at home, provided
our supply of water was only as it
should be. At the same time we do
not say that Fire Insurance Offices
might not with advantage to them-
selves, as well as to the public, adopt
Mr. Sharp's suggestions. But before the
Government goes to the expense of
erecting electric fire alarms all over the
Colony, we should like Hongkong to
have enjoyed a little of that commercial
prosperity which Mr. Sharp seems to
anticipate so confidently. The unfortu-
nate part of these improvements is that
they cost money, and after expending
the very nice little sum of \$212,000 on
the Praya, we are not quite sure that
the Colony will be prepared to institute
electric fire alarms the necessity for
which is at least somewhat doubtful.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We observe that the sailing day of the O.
& S. S. *Oceanic* has been altered to
the 3rd of March.

The steamers *Tigre*, *Cyprien*, *Ningpo*, and
Travancore arrived at Shanghai on the 19th
inst. (yesterday).

H. M. S. *Audacious* left here this morning
for heavy gun-practice, accompanied by the
Vigilant. We understand they will both
proceed shortly up the Canton River to lie
in fresh water.

The Band of the 23rd Regiment will per-
form the following programme to-morrow
evening:—

Quadrille, *Chaine de Fleurs*, *Faust*,
Overture, *Les Dragons de Villars*, *Mailart*,
Reminiscences, *Donizetti*, *Godfrey*,
Yalse, *Pastoral Song*, *Baïreuet*,
Selection, *Bohemian Girl*, *Baïre*,
Carriage Song, *Russian*, *Arr. Hurst*.

APPEARANCES are in favour of most auspicious
weather for the Race Meeting, and
we trust that they may prove lasting. It
is worthy of note as a meteorological fact
that the Barometer has never been known
by old residents to reach so great a height
as it did yesterday, viz., 30.610, as record-
ed by Messrs Falconer & Co. The Ther-
mometer marked 43 at the time, which is
probably the lowest reading of the season
on the Queen's Road level, and the unusual
crispness and clearness of the air could not
but be generally observed.

The Cricket Match, Club v. the Coast
Team, was resumed to-day, and great in-
terest was shown in the contest. The Club
have made the very creditable score of 460,
and the Coast Eleven in one innings 110.

The Club's men have acquitted themselves
very creditably, especially Messrs Handley,
D. C. Travers, Hynes, Walker and Griffith,
who collectively made 218 runs this after-
noon. The Team are very worthy antagon-
ists, and it is due to very excellent fielding
by our Eleven that they do not show a better
chance of victory. Play will be resumed
to-morrow, when the Coast Team will go
to the wickets, but as they have to make
350 runs to secure a tie, they have all their
work before them.

The S. F. *Alta* gives the following record
of the movements of Trans-Pacific steamers,
to China and Japan, for 1876.

PACIFIC MAIL.

The City of Peking made four trips from
Hongkong and Yokohama, averaging 26
days from Hongkong and 17 days, 8 hours
and 45 minutes from Yokohama. On the
third of these she made the quickest trip
on record up to that time—22 days, 12
hours from Hongkong, and 15 days, 11
hours from Yokohama.

Great Republic, three trips, averaging 34
days and 8 hours from Hongkong; 23 days
and 16 hours from Yokohama.

Alaska, two trips, averaging 33 days from
Hongkong, and 22 days from Yokohama.

In addition, the City of Tokio, China and
Colorado made one trip each in 35 days,
38 days and 54 days from Hongkong, and
20 days, 25 days and 23 days from Yoko-
hama respectively in the order mentioned,
making a general average of 31 days and
16 hours from Hongkong, and 20 days and
23 hours from Yokohama.

ORIENTAL AND OCCIDENTAL STEAMSHIP CO.
Belgia, four trips, averaging 28 days and
12 hours from Hongkong, and 19 days and
10 hours from Yokohama.

Oceanic, four trips, averaging 25 days, 1
hour and 20 minutes from Hongkong, and
15 days, 21 hours and 20 minutes from
Yokohama. On her last trip, arriving
December 24th, she completed the best
passage on record—22 days and 54 hours
from Hongkong, and 14 days and 15
hours from Yokohama.

Gaelic, four trips, averaging 28 days 8
hours from Hongkong, and 22 days 8 hours
from Yokohama. General average, 27 days, 5
hours and 20 minutes from Hongkong, and
17 days, 15 hours and 15 minutes from
Yokohama, making a difference in favor of
the O. & O. S. Company, as against the
Pacific Mail Line, of 4 days, 10 hours and
40 minutes on the trips from Hongkong,
and 8 days, 7 hours and 54 minutes on the
Yokohama trip.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The eighth ordinary annual meeting of
the shareholders in the above Company
was held at the Office, 7 Queen's Road,
this afternoon. There were present, the
Hon. W. Keewick (in the chair), and Messrs
J. J. Remedios, Mangery, Barnes, André,
Bellillo, H. Smith, Newton, Morgan, Jack-
son, Rhodes, Moses, Just, Deacon, Coxon,
Hopkins, Page, Bell, Fairbairn, Gope,
Leith and E. Alfred.

The notice convening the meeting was
read.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, with your
permission we will, as usual, take the

report as read. I am happy to say there
is very little to add to what is stated in the
report. It was issued everything has
gone on well with the Company. We know
of no losses that have been incurred in
addition to the few mentioned in the report
as having taken place at Shanghai in Janu-
ary. I have only to congratulate the
shareholders on the continued prosperity of
the Company, and to move the adoption
of the report and accounts.

Mr. Bellillo: I have great pleasure in
seconding the motion.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman: The next business is to
vote the remuneration to the Consulting
Committee.

Mr. Newton: I have much pleasure in
proposing that the usual remuneration be
given to the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Hopkins: I have much pleasure in
seconding the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Barnes: I propose that the remun-
eration to the Auditors be \$150 each.

Mr. Morgan: I second the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith: I beg to propose that the
Consulting Committee, consisting of Messrs
J. J. de Remedios, Nioaisie, André, Barnes
and Mangery, be re-elected.

Mr. Moses seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. André proposed that the Auditors,
Messrs Henry Smith and A. Coxon, be re-
elected.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman: That closes the general
business of the meeting. Dividend war-
rants will be issued to-morrow.

Mr. Barnes: On previous occasions it has
been customary to make some acknowl-
edgment of the services which the Secretary
has rendered to the Company, and I think
it is very fitting that that custom should be
adhered to on the present occasion, espe-
cially as Mr. Alfred intends going home
shortly and the usual gratitude will there-
fore be doubly acceptable to him. I have
therefore to propose to you, gentlemen,
that we make Mr. Alfred a present of \$500.

Insurance.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTREY, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Vessels in Harbours, on Goods on board Vessels, and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY. (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Port of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of £10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, January 2, 1875.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

Mails.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUERZ, ISMAILA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES.

Also,

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 22nd February, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. AMAZON, Commandant MONTMAYE, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon, 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 21st February, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1877. 1623



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;

Also,

Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship ZAMBESI, Captain SYMONS, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 1st March, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. MEYER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1877. 1601

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 3rd March, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 2nd March. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. 1603

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THE AMENDED HONG LIST in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.

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Hongkong, February 6, 1877.

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Orders will be received by Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, July 21, 1873.

For Sale.

SAYLE & Co.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

IN Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS.

On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.

DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard.

DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard.

DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard.

DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard.

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FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less soiled) original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.

JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.

WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.

LADIES' BOYS' and GIRLS' FELT HATS, at Half Price.

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Several thousand Yards of VARIOUS REMNANTS, comprising: FLANNELS, CALICOS, PRINTS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS, and other Useful GOODS, are Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.

In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 24th.

SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

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(In English and Chinese.)

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CHINA MAIL Office.

Intimations.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

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Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all the ports and in the interior of China, all the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AYIN, Manager.

Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

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Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

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The Overland China Mail.

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PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

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It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary.

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Orders should be sent to Geo. Munckat BARR, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham Street, not later than the evening before the departure of the English Mail Steamer.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily China Mail.

Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

Intimations.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situate between the latter and Duke's Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding tenders for carrying out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next.

For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

D. C. PRESGRAVE,

Municipal Secretary.

Penang,

Municipal Office, The 21st September, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the Chinese Mail. The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable medium for advertisers.

The Conductors guarantee an eventual circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Francisco and Australia.

For terms, &c., address

MR CHUN AYIN,

Manager.

China Mail Office,

17th February, 1874.

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Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

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Vol. IV, No. 3.

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Bean Oake as a Manure.

Pidgin English.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,

Hongkong, January 10, 1877.

THE HONGKONG CHINESE MAIL.

THE Circulation of THIS PAPER has been very much extended. The following are some of its Agents:—

Macao.—Man Chuen Shop.

Canton.—Sing Chuen Native Post Office, Luen Hing Street; Ohai Hing-Low Hotel, Luen Hing Street; Kwong Tin Fat Shop, Yan Tin Street; Mr Sit Chuen Fan, Tung Wen Kwang; Yuen Fong Shop, in front of the Provincial Treasurer's Yamen; How Yuen Shop, Small Market Street, New City; Yee Cheung Photograph Shop, Houam; Kwai Heung Shop, Sin Cheong, Honam.

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Amoy.—Chun Cheong Hong, Mook Keh Street.

Foochow.—Mr Yu Ching Cheong, Foochow Arsenal; Mr Lum Kwok Ching, Maritime Customs.

Shanghai.—Mr Ng Ching Shun, Maritime Customs; Mr Ho Yue Chuen, Maritime Customs; Mr Chun Sing Hol, Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.; Mr Kwong Chuen Fook, Educational Mission School; and Mow Sing Sang Kee Shop.

Ningpo.—Mr Sung Min Chee, Maritime Customs.

Hankow.—Yee Hing Hong.

Ohfou.—Yee Shun Hong.

Japan.—Mr Leong Chun Tong, Mandaral Office, Yokohama.

Saigon.—Wohang Hong.

Singapore.—Ting Kee Hong; Kwong Fook Sang Hong.

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Calcutta.—Mow Sing Company.

San Francisco.—Kwong Fong Tai Hong.

The above are some of the Agencies; others will be published, when they are arranged for. Negotiations are in progress with the express couriers who carry the official despatches and Peking Gazette, to circulate the Chinese Mail in the interior of China.

Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, February 17, 1877.

At 1090 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Highest, Lowest, Cash.

Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, lb. 450 400

" Ame. Sugar cured, 300 250

" Foochow, 160 140

Beef, sirloin and prime cut, cy. 160 140

Beef Corned, 150 140

" Roast, 150 140

" Soup, 90 80

" Steak, 150 140

Bullocks' Brains, per set 60 50

" Tongue, fresh, each 275 250

" " corned, 320 300

" Head, 600 500

" Heart, 150 140

" Feet, 50 40

" Kidneys, 60 50

" Tail, 100 90

" Liver, 80 60

" Tripe (undressed), catty 50 40

Calves' Head and Feet, set 600 400

Hams, American, lb. 300 250

" Chinese, 140 170

" English, 360 340

Mutton Chop, 180 170

" Leg, 180 170

" Shoulder, 140 120

" Liver, 140 120

Pigs' Chittlings, catty 60 50

" Feet, 100 90

" Fry, 110 100

" Head, 90 80